

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1882.

No. 188.

FIVE DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.
NEWS AGENCY
DEPARTMENT.
THE NEW LIST FOR
NEWSPAPERS AND
PERIODICALS FOR 1883,
IS NOW READY AND
WILL BE SENT ON
APPLICATION.

SUTTON'S VEGETABLE &
FLOWER SEEDS.

JUST RECEIVED.
PLEASE APPLY FOR
CATALOGUE OF
THIS SEASON'S
VARIETY.
PARCEL EXPRESS
AGENCY.
IN CONNECTION WITH
WHEATLEY & CO., LONDON,
PACKAGES FORWARDED TO
LONDON BY EACH P. & O.
MAIL AND DELIVERED
TO ANY ADDRESS IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM.
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1882. [596]

Insurances.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD of AMERICAN and FOREIGN
SHIPPING.
Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.
(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

YANGTSZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....\$1,200,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....\$1,200,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....\$1,200,000

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 8th.....\$1,200,000
May, 1882. [595]

NOTICE.

DIRECTORS,
H. De C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PINCKNOSS, Esq.
A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq.
G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs. RUSSELL & CO., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH,
Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & CO.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICES granted on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the World.
Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the
UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed
among all Contributors of Business (whether
Shareholders or not) in proportion to the
premia paid by them.

RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [53]

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).
UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are prepared to
ACCEPT FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current
Rates, allowing usual discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [164]

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL £1,000,000; PAID-UP.....\$1,000,000
PAID UP RESERVE FUND.....\$50,000.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are prepared to
ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [165]

A. F. FONG.

PHOTOGRAPHER,
HAS
A LARGER COLLECTION OF VIEWS
THAN ANY OTHER IN CHINA.

MINIATURES PAINTED ON IVORY
FROM.....\$7.00.

JIL PAINTINGS ON CANVAS
FROM.....\$5.00.

Cards de Visite, Cabinet, and all other Styles
of Portraits at equally moderate prices
executed under the supervision and
management of

D. K. GRIFFITH.

Studio 6, Queen's road. [550]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS
COMPANY, LIMITED.

OWING to the illness of Mr. NEWTON the
MANAGER—Mr. W. S. BANSEY has
been appointed ACTING MANAGER until further
notice.

(Signed) P. RYRIE,
Chairman Local Committee.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1882. [593]

To be Let.

TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.
No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
Nos. 2 and 4, PEDDAR'S HILL.
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately
occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

Apply to DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.,
Hongkong, 24th July, 1882. [74]

STORAGE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to take Goods
on STORAGE at their GODOWNS. En-
trance from Traya and Queen's Road Central.

TERMS MODERATE.

Apply to ROSE & CO.,
3rd and 33, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 30th June, 1882. [586]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that CROWN
RENTS for the Half-year ended the
23rd June, 1882, and the POLICE, LIGHTING,
WATER and FIRE BRIGADE RATES for the 3rd
Quarter of 1882, must be PAID on or before the
31st August.

Defaulters after that date will be proceeded
against in the Supreme Court.

J. RUSSELL,
Colonial Treasurer.
Colonial Treasury.
Hongkong, 16th August, 1882. [573]

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER of THE LONDON
AERATED WATERS.
7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE,
(Opposite the City Hall).

Having lately Purchased the entire Machinery
of the late Mr. E. CHASTER'S
SODA WATER FACTORY

I am now prepared to execute the largest orders
for every description of Aerated Waters with
promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY.
I S. G. U. A. R. A. N. T. E. D.
Consumers should try those carefully
Manufactured.

SPARKLING WATERS.
THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.
All Orders and Communications should be ad-
dressed to the Factory.

7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE,
Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [225]

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE.

QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.
PINTS.....\$23 per Case.

Apply to MELCHERS & CO.,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [132]

THE CITY OF MANILA CIGAR STORE,
HAS FOR SALE.

CIGARS of all Brands, Imperiales, Caballeros,
Vegueros, Regalias, Londres, Nuevo Ha-
bano of all makes, quality guaranteed. TOBACCOs
of all Brands, at moderate prices. FANCY GOODS
from the Parisian markets, Meerschaum Pipes,
Jewellery of Chaste Designs. Sun Hats, &c., &c.;
Commissions Executed.

JOSE M. BASA.
No. 51, B, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1882. [297]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD,
WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS AND LUMBER
ALWAYS ON HAND.

MALLORY,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [495]

WING TY LOONG
HAS FOR SALE.

PRIME M. Pork and Beef, 200 lbs. in Barrel,
Boiled and Roast Beef and Mutton, Soup
and Bouilli, American Hams, Bacon, Codfish,
Cracked Wheat, Hominy, fresh white and red
Beans, Assorted Fruits and Soups, Ham Sau-
sages, Salmon Bellies, Mackerel, Sheep Tongues,
Caviar, Tripe, Caviar, Clam Chowder, Lobsters,
Oysters, Corn Meal, and every description of
Olivier's stores at moderate prices.

No. 39, HING LOONG STREET.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1882. [299]

S. Z. HING.

TAILOR.

D EALER in all kinds of Drapery, Silk Hand-
kerchiefs, Embroidered Shawls, &c., &c.
HAT AND CAP MAKER.

Articles material made up, and a perfect Fit Gu-
aranteed at Moderate Charges.

MATTING AND MANILA CIGARS,

FOR SALE.

No. 76, WELLINGTON STREET,
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1882. [228]

HONGKONG RACES, 1882.

IN PAMPHLET FORM, REPRINTED FROM
THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

A COMPLETE REPORT of the HONG-
KONG RACE MEETING
OF 1882.

As only a limited number will be printed, orders
should be sent without delay to the

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

No. 6, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1882. [447]

No. 38, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [447]

ECA DA SILVA & CO.

HAVE JUST LANDED.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER "IRAOUADDY" AND OTHER LATEST ARRIVALS.

A GREAT VARIETY AND FINE ASSORTMENT OF SUMMER GOODS,
COMPRISING—

Ladies Richly Trimmed Pongee Silks, Costumes, Satin, Linen, and Cambric Costumes,
Ready-made Dresses, Lace and Silk Fichus, Cravats, Dressing Gowns, Fine Silk
Hoses, Embroidered Silk and Ivory Fans, &c., &c., &c.

Gentlemen's Parisian Straw and Panama Hats, French Felt Hats, Light Summer
Tweed in Pieces for Pants, White and Coloured Linen Drill, Pieces of Touch Cord
for Vests, Canvas Shoes, Silk Umbrellas, Gentlemen's and Ladies' Parisian

Boots and Shoes in great variety &c., &c., &c.

Orizas and Pinaud's Perfumery in Great Variety, Vienna Cigar and Cigarette
Cases, Visiting Card Cases, Portmonees, Albums, Needle Cases,
Needles, Ladies Work Boxes.

ALSO
A GREAT VARIETY OF FRENCH SCIENTIFIC BOOKS AND NOVELS.
&c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

ECA DA SILVA & CO.,
49, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

Hongkong, June 5th, 1882. [432]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

EX "PEKIN."

SAYLE & CO.

WE ARE NOW SHOWING
ONE CASE

OF

CRYSTAL INKSTANDS,

PRICE.

TWENTY CENTS EACH.

AND

UPWARD'S.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG. [79]

Hongkong, 26th August, 1882.

ROSE & CO.

31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.

DRESSES—GOODS—DEPARTMENT.

PLAIN, PRINTED, AND BROCADE SATEENS.

THE New French Satin LISSE in Fancy and Plain to contrast for Costume, exquisite,
and Fashionable Material for this Season.

ZEPHYR CLOTHS IN LATEST STYLES OF PATTERN.

These Goods are recommended specially for their extreme lightness and durability
of Colour; for Washing Costumes they are unequalled.

MILLINERY—DEPARTMENT.

WE HAVE JUST OPENED A CHOICE VARIETY OF
LADIES STRAW HATS, MILLINERY TRIMMINGS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS,
RIBBONS AND THE LATEST NOVELTIES IN FANCY SILKS;

SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR MILLINERY PURPOSES.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.
SUMMER REQUISITES.

PRICKLY HEAT LOTION.

CARBOLIC SOAPS.

BATH BRUSHES AND GLOVES.

CARBOLIC DISINFECTANTS.

S E L T Z O G E N E S.

EYE PROTECTORS.

EAR PLUGS.

FOR USE IN BATHING.

FRUIT SYRUPS.

V I N - S A N T E.

FELLOW'S SYRUP.

OSGOOD'S INDIAN CHOLAGOGUE,

&c., &c., &c.

A. S. WATSON & CO., CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS AND

AERATED WATERS MANUFACTURERS.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

for some considerable time past; moreover, we have frequently received assurances from several of Governor HENNESSY's recognised public opponents to the effect that they regarded the *China Mail*'s unscrupulous inventions, and perversions of truth, as scandalous outrages on the policy they supported. The most respectable of the opposition to the Governor's general policy, repudiated the *China Mail* as the representative of their views, in no uncertain terms, declining to be bound in any way by what frequently appeared to be statements authoritatively made, by request of the recognised opposition, for party purposes. It is possible that our contemporary may have been supported in its disgraceful course by a few individuals, self-constituted dictators on every matter in any way relating to Hongkong, who studied only personal antipathies, self-interest, and disappointed ambition—but it is positively certain that the majority of Governor HENNESSY's opponents—or enemies—are men of high principle and undying honour, gentlemen who could not, under any circumstances, have possibly stooped to barefaced lying, and cowardly slandering. We have no doubt that by having kept our evening contemporary almost constantly before the public, we have surrounded its existence with an importance—a fictitious importance—to which its intrinsic merits as a newspaper in no way give it claim. It must be apparent to every unprejudiced mind that the *China Mail* is a newspaper only in name. It must be clearly evident that, but for the special support of a section of the public, for whom we are willing to believe it has done good service in the past, the *China Mail* does not possess sufficient merits as a news medium, or a leader and guide of public opinion, to warrant its existence as an independent journal. That, of course, is its own affair; and how far our criticisms may have assisted in keeping the concern from tumbling to pieces, we leave our readers to form their own ideas. We have certainly not been mealy-mouthed in animadverting on the *Mail's* deviations from the paths of truth and virtue; but then, harsh criticisms on newspapers, new books, and new plays, frequently engage public interest, and lead to temporary success. Scores, nay, hundreds of instances to prove the truth of this argument could be easily adduced. Everyone can tell of books, which have been mercilessly slated by the reviewers, attracting public attention solely owing to the adverse criticisms of the *Mail* and *Advertisers*.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, *Hongkong Telegraph*."

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor," and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that-day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK, so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish *The Hongkong Telegraph* daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1882.

A CORRESPONDENT, for whose good opinion we have the highest respect, suggests that, for our own sake, altogether apart from the interests of the public, we should abandon the hopeless task of striving to bring back the *China Mail* to the paths of truth and usefulness. He assures us that the game is not worth the candle, and expresses a very strong opinion that, had we declined to notice the *Mail's* cowardly and false attacks on Governor HENNESSY, and its scandalous actions in other affairs of public notoriety, the evening journal would most probably have died a natural death months ago. Our correspondent is of opinion that the gratuitous publicity we have given the *China Mail* has greatly assisted in keeping it afloat. As he truly enough remarks, its lying abuse of Sir JOHN PORE HENNESSY, indulged in with such sickening persistency, would quickly have palled on the appetites of the Hongkong public, and as the newspaper, viewed as a news medium, was beneath contempt, and had really no claims to public support, it must inevitably have lost favor, and gone to hopeless grief. Its virulence, and unscrupulous disregard of truth when dealing with the affairs of our local government, were thoroughly understood throughout the Colony; and although this line of policy might possibly have given satisfaction to one or two understrappers in the "princely house," it only excited disgust in the minds of the community at large, not even excepting Governor HENNESSY's most determined opponents. Our correspondent—a gentleman of position, who is well known as a most energetic opponent of Governor

HENNESSY's ideas of local government in Hongkong—assures us that His Excellency's bitterest enemies have never subscribed to the scandalous and vilely slanderous conduct of the *China Mail* when criticising Sir JOHN PORE HENNESSY's public and private career; and while justifying our having so vigorously taken up the cudgels in defence of truth and fair-play, regrets that we were the unwitting means of giving undeserved importance to matters which had long been quietly ignored; would have been regarded as the harmless but venomous offscourings of poisoned vindictiveness, which ought to have been allowed unnoticed to sink into merited oblivion.

There cannot be the least doubt that the facts and reasoning of our correspondent are perfectly correct. As a matter of fact, we have personally held somewhat simi-

lar opinions for some considerable time past; moreover, we have frequently received assurances from several of Governor HENNESSY's recognised public opponents to the effect that they regarded the *China Mail*'s unscrupulous inventions, and perversions of truth, as scandalous outrages on the policy they supported. The most respectable of the opposition to the Governor's general policy, repudiated the *China Mail* as the representative of their views, in no uncertain terms, declining to be bound in any way by what frequently appeared to be statements authoritatively made, by request of the recognised opposition, for party purposes. It is possible that our contemporary may have been supported in its disgraceful course by a few individuals, self-constituted dictators on every matter in any way relating to Hongkong, who studied only personal antipathies, self-interest, and disappointed ambition—but it is positively certain that the majority of Governor HENNESSY's opponents—or enemies—are men of high principle and undying honour, gentlemen who could not, under any circumstances, have possibly stooped to barefaced lying, and cowardly slandering. We have no doubt that by having kept our evening contemporary almost constantly before the public, we have surrounded its existence with an importance—a fictitious importance—to which its intrinsic merits as a newspaper in no way give it claim. It must be apparent to every unprejudiced mind that the *China Mail* is a newspaper only in name. It must be clearly evident that, but for the special support of a section of the public, for whom we are willing to believe it has done good service in the past, the *China Mail* does not possess sufficient merits as a news medium, or a leader and guide of public opinion, to warrant its existence as an independent journal. That, of course, is its own affair; and how far our criticisms may have assisted in keeping the concern from tumbling to pieces, we leave our readers to form their own ideas. We have certainly not been mealy-mouthed in animadverting on the *Mail's* deviations from the paths of truth and virtue; but then, harsh criticisms on newspapers, new books, and new plays, frequently engage public interest, and lead to temporary success. Scores, nay, hundreds of instances to prove the truth of this argument could be easily adduced. Everyone can tell of books, which have been mercilessly slated by the reviewers, attracting public attention solely owing to the adverse criticisms of the *Mail* and *Advertisers*.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TELEGRAMS for Bangkok can go forward, by mail closing at Singapore at 9 a.m. on the 2nd proximo.

SAWS the *Courier* of the 26th instant.—There is no further news from Corea by the steamers which arrived from the north to day.

THE Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.) inform us that the steamer *Pembroke*, from London, left Singapore yesterday for Hongkong.

We would remind sportsmen that the Subscription Griffin list for the next Hongkong Races will close to-day. The conditions are similar to those of previous years, viz: each pony to cost not more than \$150, landed in Hongkong. The griffins will be purchased in Shanghai by Mr. H. de Courcy Forbes, and are expected to arrive here early in October. The Stewards of the Hongkong Race Fund have arranged to allot certain races exclusively confined to these ponies, so owners who may be lucky enough to draw a raffle can confidently look forward to having a gay time next February. Applications for subscriptions must be sent to Mr. H. J. H. Tripp, Clerk of the Course, Hongkong Club.

A ST. PETERSBURG correspondent sends to the London papers the following account of a sad accident which is said to have occurred at Peterhoff, though he cannot vouch for its absolute truth. The Emperor was out walking in the park, and for some reason or other became interested in the operations of several workmen, or gardeners, who were at some distance off. His Majesty appears to have beckoned to one of the workmen to come up to him, intending to speak to the man, and, perhaps, ask some questions. The workman noticed the sign, threw down his tool, and ran towards the Emperor. When only a step or two from His Majesty's person he fell dead at the Czar's feet, shot by a sentinel close at hand, who had not seen the Emperor call the man, and who had imperative orders to fire on any strangers approaching the Emperor. His Majesty, it is said, helped to lift up the body, and showed the bitterest grief. The wife and family of the unfortunate man are to be thoroughly cared for.

ADAM HOLY, shoemaker, of Salford, considers that he is the victim of police prejudice. Let us look into the circumstances. Adam was charged by the Manchester police with burglary and house-breaking. There was not very much evidence against him beyond the fact that when his house in Gorton was searched a large amount of property of various kinds, the proceeds of burglaries, was found. He appeared to have chiefly been guilty of thefts of boots, which he could dispose of in his ordinary way of business, and it was estimated that he had stolen upwards of five hundred pairs in all. Jewellery was also found in considerable quantity. Besides these trifles in his possession was a six-chambered pin-fire revolver, a long single-barrelled pistol, daggers, skeleton keys, and a life preserver, about two feet in length, weighted heavily with lead. Yet Adam Holt considers that he is the victim of police prejudice. So the poor fellow is. The police had a similar antipathy to the late Charles Peace. Holt further adduced that he had "tried to earn an honest living." This may be so, but his ideas of honesty are clearly at variance with those of the Quarter Sessions Court, for he was sent into retirement for seven years. The old Adam was evidently too strong in the new one.

A KEEPER of a cook shop in West Street was fined \$100 or three months' hard labor this morning by Mr. Wodehouse for having diseased pork, unfit for human food, in his shop. Inspector Orley, whose special duty it is to look after these matters, said that a large quantity of diseased meat had been in the Colony of late. The pig in the present case had probably died, and then been taken to the shop to be roasted, a process which removed all traces of disease. It was possible a good deal of diseased meat was sold clandestinely in the Colony. A post mortem, according to the Inspector, was held two or three days ago on a pig which had died without having had its throat cut by the butcher, and after a careful examination of the internal organs, the medico (we suppose he had a diploma) certified that the animal had "kicked out" from exhaustion. We observe by the wording of the charge in the summons that the assault had been the reverse of a happy one. The assault with which the lady charged her husband consisted of a kick in the side and a slap in the face, during the course of a quarrel. Mrs. Lewis put in a paper from Dr. Von der Horck supposed to be a certificate as to the injury inflicted by the kick, but his Worship did not seem to be able to make anything out of it, and remanded the case until Saturday for the evidence of the Doctor, who was ordered to be subpoenaed. Lewis denied the assault with which the lady charged her husband, but Mrs. Lewis' amah corroborated her mistress' testimony as to the blow in the face. The defendant was bound over in two sureties of \$2 each. A funny incident in the case was constable Lewis' appealing to the Magistrate to order Mrs. Lewis to deliver up the key of the house, as he said she had locked the place up and taken the key, and therefore he was unable to get his uniform to go to duty in. Mr. Wodehouse declined to interfere, and the lady stoutly refused to hand the door opener over to her husband.

We hope this slur on the fair portion of humanity will be at once removed by an alteration being made in the form of the charge in such cases.

It may be argued by pedants that the term "man" embraces both sexes, but we decline to hold controversy with such mean animals.

THE Aquatic Sports fixed for to-morrow and Saturday have been postponed till Monday and Tuesday, in consequence of the low state of the tides at present.

THE *Sumatra* undocked at Sam-shui-po last night, the *Activ* going in. The *Prima Doma* came out of the Kowloon Dock this morning, the *Peking* taking her place.

AN ex-lukong, who was discharged from the Force a short time since for general bad conduct, got three months' hard labor this morning at the Police Court for stealing a jacket and two opium pipes from a coolie.

FOR acting as watchman in connection with the Tze Fa Lottery swindle, by giving the "tip" when a constable was coming, a coolie was sentenced to six weeks' hard labor this morning by Mr. Wodehouse as a rogue and vagabond.

THERE was only a moderate attendance at Chiarini's Circus and Menagerie, last night. The programme had been twice performed previously, and although the whole of the *artists* were quite up to the mark in their several parts, we are of opinion that want of change was the real reason for the scanty audience. A splendid programme has been announced for this evening, embracing many startling novelties; we anticipate a large roll up of spectators. "We shall be there."

JAMES MCKNIGHT, an unemployed seaman, late of the *Invincible*, was fined 50 cents a day, for being drunk and incapable in the street yesterday. The Magistrate was good enough to allow James to go foraging for five ten-centers, accompanied by a constable, who had instructions to see to his safe return to the Police compound. We hear that Mac received \$30 recently upon being paid off from the *Invincible*, but that the Mexicans vanished with lightning-like rapidity from his improvident hands. It is to be seen now whether those who helped him to dissipate the money will assist him in his sore straits for half a Mexican.

SAYS the *Hiogo News*:—At the time Mr. Hanabusa and his companions were rescued by H.M.S. *Flying Fish*, he noticed a woman, seemingly a Chinese, from her dress, whose appearance convinced him she was a countrywoman. He asked her where she came from, and the woman replied that she was a native of Yokohama, and was named Yasu. About thirteen years ago when she was five years old, she was kidnapped by a Chinaman and sold for a slave in Shanghai. The woman had lost all recollection of Japan, save the name of Sudugamori, where the heads of criminals used to be exposed after execution. Mr. Hanabusa, being satisfied she was a Japanese subject, directed Mr. Kondo to procure her liberation from slavery through the Chinese Consul. This was accomplished, and the woman was sent to Yokohama in the *Tokio-maru*. She speaks Chinese, English, and some other languages.

EXCEPTIONS were filed yesterday, says the San Francisco *Alta*, of the 26th ult., in the United States District Court to the libels against the ocean tramps *Averly*, *Strathairv*, *Anjer Head* and *Serapis* for illegal construction of their berths; one case probably deciding the matter, against all of them. The exceptions are that the libels do not state facts constituting a cause of action against the vessel under any law of the United States; and that being vessels in whole or part propelled by steam they came neither under Section 4255, regulating the construction of berths and affixing the penalties for violations nor under Section 4270 of the Revised Statutes, providing for the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels and the mode of seeking the penalties, the claim being made that the term "vessel" is applicable only to sailing crafts. The exceptions come up for argument this morning before Judge Hoffman.

THE troubles and disgrunts of married life are proverbial, and date from shortly after the period when our first mother Eve was handed over in all her nude loveliness to the weak-minded Adam, as doubtless there were incessant bickerings between the ill-fated pair after the fatal apple-eating arrangement which drove them out of Paradise, and entailed ill innumerable upon their unhappy descendants. We have been told in those remarks by a case which came before the Police Court this morning, in which Mrs. Lewis charged her husband, Constable Lewis, of the Naval Yard Police, with assault. We have no desire to comment upon the case, which is still *sub judice*, merely remarking that if the "Book of Justice" commands husbands to love their wives and be not bitter towards them, it also says that it is better to live in a wilderness than in a house with a quarrelsome and passionate woman; not that we mean to imply that Mrs. Lewis is either of these two. We have no desire to comment upon the case, which is still *sub judice*, merely remarking that if the "Book of Justice" commands husbands to love their wives and be not bitter towards them, it also says that it is better to live in a wilderness than in a house with a quarrelsome and passionate woman; not that we mean to imply that Mrs. Lewis is either of these two. We have no desire to comment upon the case, which is still *sub judice*, merely remarking that if the "Book of Justice" commands husbands to love their wives and be not bitter towards them, it also says that it is better to live in a wilderness than in a house with a quarrelsome and passionate woman; not that we mean to imply that Mrs. Lewis is either of these two.

AN American lawyer is said to have made a fortune variously estimated at five or eleven millions of dollars in a rather ingenious manner. He happened to notice in a law passed by Congress for the regulation of the wool trade, the word "wool" had been accidentally omitted from an important clause. He therefore made an offer to various wool merchants affected by the clause to bring a test action into the courts, on condition that he should receive a large percentage if the case was won. The case was won, the judges holding that the courts had no right to suppose that Congress intended to insert words not in the Act, and the lawyer made his fortune accordingly.

A few facts respecting the marines and the dockyard personnel of France may not be uninteresting at the present juncture. The marine force consists of 20,237 men, of whom 11,716 are employed on home service and the remainder in the colonies, the proportions being—home, 8,913 infantry, 2,803 artillery; colonies, 7,233 infantry, 1,288 artillery. Cherbourg is the depot for the first regiment of marine infantry. Brest for the second, Rochefort for the third, Toulon for the fourth; while L'Orient is the head-quarters of the artillery. At the end of last year 23,659 hands of all kinds were employed in the various dockyards, divided as follows:—Cherbourg, 4,363; Brest, 6,203; L'Orient, 5,255; Rochefort, 2,756; Toulon, 6,082; the remainder being apportioned among the establishments of Indre, Querigny, and Ruelle. The value of machinery and plant is thus given in francs:—Cherbourg, 9,193,284; Brest, 15,299,946; L'Orient, 8,493,151; Rochefort, 7,298,546; Toulon, 14,309,270.

KWOK HUNG KWAI, a clerk in the service of the Colonial Government, was charged at the Police Court this morning by the Hon. J. Russell, Colonial Treasurer, with feloniously forging his (Mr. Russell's) name and that of the Accountant in the rates and taxes Department (Mr. Madar) to receive for Crown rent on or about the 10th May last, with intent to defraud Her Majesty the Queen; and with feloniously uttering a forged receipt for Crown rent on or about the 18th of the same month with a like intent. The defendant is, a novice server in the Treasury, and it appears he gave a receipt for \$72.88 for the Crown rent of inland lots 655 and 656, making use of a seal upon which Mr. Russell's signature is engraved. After the Colonial Treasurer discovered the fact, he saw the defendant, who had been in the Treasury a year and a half, having been previously under Dr. Etel when Chinese Secretary, and admitted taking the seal from Mr. Madar's table, and the blank form from Mr. Alves' drawer. He also admitted the receipt of the \$72.88 from Mr. Kwok Yun Shun on the 10th May. It was not part of his duty to collect taxes. He told Mr. Russell he had only done so once, and offered to pay back the amount. The case at this stage was remanded till Thursday the 6th proximo. Mr. Sharp, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution.

PANTHER HUNTING IN HONGKONG.

THE black panther which made its escape from Chiarini's Menagerie is still at large. (7) We stated in our issue of Tuesday that we had, in the interests of our readers, specially, and the public generally, sent our "Special" on the war-path, with full instructions to do or die in the execution of a great public duty; we vigorously impressed on the mighty mind of the brave warrior that a return to Peddar's Hill before his mission had been satisfactorily completed would simply mean the "sack." We now furnish our readers with an account of what has already been done in this business, which, although the mission has hitherto been unsuccessful, we are yet confident of bringing to a satisfactory termination. On the evening of the day on which we started our "Special" we received a mysterious letter in a well-known hand, requesting us to forward more munitions for the expedition, as it was going to be of a more extensive character than was at first estimated. The letter wound up with the encouraging information that our "Special" had found the trail, and was confident of success, and a request that a few luxuries and articles of wardrobe should be forwarded per bearer. We were not at all taken with the tone and appearance of the letter, or the mysterious, not to say seedy, look of the messenger. However, we packed up a long pencil, repeating book, one paper collar, (the latter is all our "Special's" surplus wardrobe) a mutton bone and a bottle of square face, and handed them over. About three hours later we were handed another epistle which ran thus:—An on it have spotted the pantherish man-eater; hope to collar him in a couple of hours—send a dollar to pay for the carriage home of the brute's carcass—will have him dead or alive, or perish in the attempt. "Tim." We found that our "Tim" had not served us well, that in fact he had sold us most shabbily. The true version of his expedition is as follows:—Our "Special," armed with all the pomp and dignity of his position, journeyed down westward to blood town, sold the war accoutrements we had supplied him with, melted the proceeds and the dollar we sent him in fire-water, and got into a very quibby condition. Instead of taking to the hills around Wong-nai-chong, to look for the unnameable one, our "Special" confined his searching to the hills of that romantic locality, yclept Tai-ping-shan. Tim turned up yesterday morning with his clothes in tatters (they were not first chop when he started),

Commercial.

Shipping.

THIS DAY.
4 o'clock p.m.
A very large business has been done in Banks to-day at 125 per cent. premium, for cash, a fall of 3 points since yesterday, and there are still sellers at the reduced figure. Ducks have risen one point, and a sale-business for cash has been done; more shares are wanted at quotation. China Sugars have advanced to \$190 per share, without inducing holders to part. No other transactions have come under our notice.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—125 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,600 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,560 per share, sellers.

North-China-Insurance—Tls. 1,225 per share.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$80 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 870 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$255 per share, sellers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1025 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$320 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—43 per cent. premium, ex div. buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$29 per share premium, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$85 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$107 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—per share, sales.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$160 per share, buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent. premium.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$130 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$145 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$60 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—13 per cent. prem. ex. int.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—24 per cent. prem.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—

Bank Bills, on demand 3/91

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/92

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/67

Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/10

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/10

3/10

ON PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 4/73

Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/84

ON BOMBAY—Bank, T.T. 2244

ON CALCUTTA—Bank, T.T. 2244

ON SHANGHAI.—

Bank, sight 724

Private, 30 days' sight 734

OPUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

New Malwa per picul, \$620 (Allowance, Taels 56).

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New Patna (first choice) per chest, \$593

New Patna (bottom) per chest, \$596

Old Patna (bottom) per chest, \$582

New Benares (without choice) per chest, \$632

New Benares (bottom) per chest, \$5662

Persian per picul, \$410

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER).

YESTERDAY.

Barometer—1 p.m. 30.062

Barometer—4 p.m. 30.014

Thermometer—1 p.m. 87

Thermometer—4 p.m. (Wet bulb) 70

Thermometer—4 p.m. (Wet bulb) 81

To-day.

Barometer—9 A.M. 30.014

Thermometer—9 A.M. 84

Barometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 80

Thermometer—9 A.M. 80

Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 81

Thermometer—Maximum 88

Thermometer—Minimum (over night) 80

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

HONGKONG Amoy SHANGHAI NAGASAKI.

Barometer 30.000 30.000 30.000 30.000

Thermometer 88.5 84.0 86.0 82.0

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Cloudy, D. Drizy, F. Fog, G. Foggy, H. Hail, L. Light rain, M. Misty, O. Overcast, P. Passing showers, Q.

Equally R. Rainy, S. Snow, T. Thunder, U. Hail, threatening V. Windy, W. Storm, Z. Calm.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Moray* left Singapore on the 26th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 1st September.

The steamship *Loudon Castle* left Singapore on the 27th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 1st September.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s steamer *Cyclops* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 26th instant, and is due here on or about the 1st proximo.

The steamship *Pembroke* left Singapore on the 26th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 4th proximo.

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SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

August 30, *ESMERALDA*, British steamer, 395, R. Talbot, Manila 25th August, and Amoy 29th, General—Russell & Co.

August 30, *CHI-YUEN*, Chinese steamer, 1,193, F. Wallace, Shanghai 27th August, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

August 30, *DANUBE*, British steamer, 661, James Jordan, Bangkok 23rd August, General—Yuen Fat Hong.

August 31, *OLYMPIA*, German steamer, 788, Wagner, Saigon 29th August, Rice and

August 31, *ASIA*, Danish steamer, 880, Djorup, Keeling 13th August, Curtis—Jardine Matheson & Co.

August 31, *BELGIC*, British steamer, H. Davison, San Francisco 22nd July, and Yokohama 14th August, General—O. & O. S. S. Co.

August 27, *CARNSMUIR*, British steamer, 1,123, G. L. Castle, San Francisco 21st July, and Honolulu 4th August, General—Holliday & Co.

August 26, *CANOPUS*, British steamer, 1,818, R. H. Joy, Departure Bay, Vancouver's Island 23rd July, Coats—Russell & Co.

August 30, *CHINA*, German str., 648, H. Schoer, Swatow 29th August, General—Yuen Fat Hong.

August 28, *CITY OF PEKING*, British steamer, 5,079, G. G. Berry, San Francisco 1st August, and Yokohama 22nd, Mails and General—P. M. S. S. Co.

June 29, *CLIFFORD*, British steamer, 1,717, H. F. Holt, Newcastle 6th June, Coals—Borneo Co. Limited.

August 26, *DIAMANTE*, British steamer, 514, R. Cullen, Amoy 24th August, General—Russell & Co.

Fane, British steamer, 117, Stopani (tug plying) Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

August 28, *FELICIA*, German steamer, 860, A. Muller, Chefoo 22nd August, Beans—Siemssen & Co.

August 10, *GELONG*, British steamer, 1,130, W. J. Webber, Bombay 23rd July, General—P. O. S. N. Co.

April 14, *HONGKONG*, British steamer, 67, K. Kwoh Acheong & Sons.

August 30, *KWANGTUNG*, British steamer, 674, M. Young, Swatow 29th August, General—D. L. LaPrairie & Co.

August 27, *LADY*, British steamer, 514, Amoy 24th August, General—Russell & Co.

August 29, *TELEGRAPH*, British steamer, 512, A. de Campos, Bangkok 8th August, Sapanwood—Chines.

August 20, *TRIUMPH*, British bark, 402, James Forbes, Freemantle 24th June, Sandalwood—Siemssen & Co.

August 29, *WICHT*, British bark, 402, James Forbes, Freemantle 24th June, Sandalwood—Siemssen & Co.

July 13, *CATHERINE MARDEN*, British 3-m. sch., 287, Marden, Newchwang 6th June, Beans and General—Wieland & Co.

August 1, *ST. JEDEC*, French bark, 388, J. Du rand, Quinhon 22nd July, General—Carlowitz & Co.

July 29, *AMERICAN*, American ship, 499, C. B. Avrill, Newcastle, N. S. W., Coals—Arm hold, Karberg & Co.

August 20, *TELEGRAPH*, British bark, 522, A. de Campos, Bangkok 8th August, Sapanwood—Chines.

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